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Mr. Frank Marcinowski, Director Office of Radiation and Indoor Air U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

Subject: EPA letter from Frank Marcinowski to Inés Triay dated 6-24-03, (EPA air docket A-98-49)

Dear Mr. Marcinowski:

Washington, DC 20460

This letter is in response to EPA concerns regarding Hanford waste characterized after January 1 2003, shipped to, and already emplaced in the WIPP.

The attached memo, (AMCP:MSF/03-AMCP-0014, dated June 27, 2003), addresses the concerns stated above. All waste shipped by Hanford and emplaced at WIPP was characterized prior to January 1, 2003.

The Carlsbad Field Office Quality Assurance (QA) will continue to review documentation of QA activities related to payloads scheduled for shipment from Hanford to WIPP as outlined and agreed upon on in Ava Holland's letter to Mike Eagle (CBFO:QA:ALH:JDR:03-1547:UFC2300, dated June, 19, 2003).

Sincerely,

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Ava L. Holland

Quality Assurance Manager

Attachment

cc:

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**Richland Operations Office** 

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REPLY TO ATTN OF:

AMCP:MSF/03-AMCP-0014

SUBJECT:

REVIEW OF TRANSURANIC (TRU) WASTE SHIPPED TO THE WASTE

ISOLATION PILOT PLANT (WIPP) IN CALENDAR YEAR 2003

TO:

Ines R. Triay, Manager Carlsbad Field Office

This memorandum is in reference to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) letter to you, from F. Marcinowski, dated June 24, 2003, regarding EPA's concerns with the Hanford TRU Project Quality Assurance Program that was identified during the WIPP recertification audit June 17-19, 2003. Specifically, the DOE Richland Operations Office (RL) is addressing EPA's request that all drums shipped by Hanford to WIPP since January 2003 be reviewed to determine if any characterization activities occurred in 2003.

A review of appropriate records by the Fluor Hanford, Inc. TRU Project, including the Site Quality Assurance Officer, has confirmed that all TRU waste shipped this year was characterized prior to January 2003. RL staff have independently verified this information.

If there are any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Matt McCormick, Assistant Manager for the Central Plateau, on (509) 373-9971.

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